

Faculty Senate Chair Report for 1 February 2018 Senate Meeting
Submitted 30 January 2018 by Senate Chair Christopher Brown

- **AAG Meeting in January 2018** – As noted in last month’s Senate Chair Report, we had limited action for the January 2018 AAG meeting, and the items we handled are noted below:
 - **ARP 15.62 –Protection of Federal Information; FISMA Compliance** – This change to the ARP deals with the manner by which NMSU handles federally protected information. This is driven by federal rules, and failure to comply threatens our federal funding. Rolfe and I both felt admin track was warranted.
 - **ARP 15.63 – Protection of Customer Information; GLBA Compliance** – This is a proposed rule revision to align ARP with federal regulation (Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act) dealing with how institutions hold consumer data. Students are considered consumers as regards their payment of tuition, and failure to comply with this federal law threatens our federal funding. This was also sent to the Administrative Track, and I do not think the Senate is included on the routing.
 - **Proposed Repeal of RPM 2.10 ~ Modifying Non-Academic Units.”** - This policy duplicates the same provisions in the ARP at 2.10, and this repeal is just “housecleaning” related to the larger ARP/RPM revision process. This was also sent to the Administrative Track, and I do not think the Senate is included on the routing.

- **ADC meeting, 1.23.18** – The following discussion/information items and new business were handled:
 - **Discussion/information items**
 - **E-Verify** - E-Verify is the electronic system to verify eligibility to work in the US. It allows I-9 information to be entered into the verification system. By fall 2018, NSMU will be using E-Verify and must be in compliance with federal rules and regulations.
 - **Small class rules** – The Provost shared some comments on how best to handle small classes, and future conversations between EVPP, deans and DHs will examine different options and issues.
 - **Aggie Pathway** – program is very successful, but we need to work on a “hand off procedure” to ensure that students coming to LC campus have a good reception and connect to a major at earliest opportunity.
 - **New Business** - Sunsetting of DACC programs (Library Science, Paralegal, and Electrical Apprenticeship) was discussed and approved.
 - **Standing Reports** – Faculty Senate (items we handled at last Senate meeting were covered), Enrollment Management (current numbers are good, but no post-bowl bump is seen), ADAC (transcription rule was discussed, as were ideas for new class schedule and new program in data analytics), and HLC liaison (informal comments are very positive, and we are just waiting on a formal notice) all made reports.

- **UAC meetings** – No unfinished business was on the 1.23.18 agenda, and the three items handled at the January AAG meeting on protection of customer and personal information and repeal of RPM items that are redundant with respect to the ARP were handled as new

business. The usual reports were shared, many of these being very similar to the reports given at ADC (including mine!)

- **Regents meeting** – I reported on the December Regents meeting in the last report. The agenda for the 1.30.18 Regents meeting is available at <https://regents.nmsu.edu/files/2018/01/BOR-Special-Meeting-Agenda-JAN-30-2017-1.pdf>. Items to be covered are noted at the link above, but it will be interesting to see how the Regents handle the appointment of Mike Saucedo. Standard practice has been for Regents that are termed out to serve until replaced, but Mike Cheney is not on the agenda. Mr. Saucedo has not been confirmed, with no meetings of the Senate Legislative Committee likely this legislative term.

Update on the Executive Search – on Friday, 1/19/18, the search firm released a 22 page document that contained the position description and hiring criteria. Below, I paste in the text of an email message I sent to All Faculty on 1/22/18 advising of the relevant details and next steps. This starts with the text of a posting to Hotline (in blue text), and my comments follow.

Firm launches website in search for NMSU's next chancellor

A website outlining the expectations and requirements for New Mexico State University's next chancellor has been launched by Wheless Partners, an executive search and leadership consulting firm. Applications and anonymous referrals may be submitted through the website, www.nmsuchancellorsearch.com.

"We're continuing to work with Wheless Partners to actively solicit candidates to be our next chancellor," said NMSU Regent Mike Cheney, who chairs the university's chancellor search committee. "We want to go after people who may not even be thinking of switching jobs at this time but who might be the perfect fit for NMSU. We also want to make sure we find the right person who understands the culture and diversity of our region."

<http://newscenter.nmsu.edu/Articles/view/12902/firm-launches-website-in-search-for-nmsu-s-next-chancellor>

I encourage all faculty to examine the site and review the 22-page document posted there. The front end is LOTS of data on NMSU, but the heart of the position description, qualifications, and expectations the Regents and search Committee will use to guide the search is on pages 13-16 of the document. In meetings I had with select Regents in early December, Chair Hicks and other Regents committed to public meetings when the candidates visit campus. This is our best way to ask the candidates about specifics of shared governance, diversity, the land grant mission of NMSU and other key aspects of the job and the candidates. I encourage all Senators to attend these meetings and ask the questions we need to ask. Details of these meetings will be provided after discussions between the Senate and Regents conclude in early February, and a bill with proposed ideas on how best to hold these meetings will be handled as emergency legislation in the 2.1.18 Faculty Senate meeting.

Thanks for your interest in this report. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at brownchr@nmsu.edu.